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FOR: PHARMACEUTICAL COMPOSITION FOR SUSTAINED RELEASE
OF THE HMG-COA REDUCTASE INHIBITOR FLUVASTATIN

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PETITION FOR EXTENSION OF TIME

Sir:

The Office Action of June 24, 2003 has a shortened statutory time set to expire on September 24, 2003. A three-month extension is hereby requested pursuant to 37 CFR §1.136(a).

Please charge Deposit Account No. 19-0134 in the name of Novartis in the amount of \$950 for payment of the extension fee. An additional copy of this paper is here enclosed. The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any additional fees under 37 CFR §1.17 which may be required, or credit any overpayment, to Account No. 19-0134 in the name of Novartis.

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